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- 1. (Canceled).
- (Canceled).
- 3. (Canceled).
- 4. (Canceled).
- 5. (Canceled).
- 6. (Canceled).
- 7. (Canceled).
- 8. (Canceled).
- 9. (Canceled).
- 10. (Canceled).
- 11. (Previously presented) A method of covering a nipple on a human breast, the nipple cover having a center and comprising a flexible material for conforming to a human breast, the method comprising the steps of:

placing the nipple cover directly on a human breast so as to cover at least about one half and less than all of the breast, with the center of the cover proximate the nipple;

the nipple cover having a first thickness proximate the center and a second thickness proximate a periphery thereof, and the thickness of the nipple cover gradually tapering from the first thickness to the second thickness, wherein the method further includes the step of

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bending the nipple cover on the breast such that the periphery of the cover blends smoothly with a curved portion of the breast while concealing a nipple shape.

- 12. (Canceled).
- 13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising a step of selecting a nipple cover from a plurality of colors of nipple covers and from a plurality of shapes and sizes for covering at least about one half of the breast and less than all of the breast.
  - 14. (Canceled).
- 15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein in the step of placing, the cover is affixed to the human breast by adhesive.
  - 16. (Canceled).
  - 17. (Canceled).
  - 18. (Canceled).
  - 19. (Canceled).
  - 20. (Canceled).
- 21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising a step of selecting the nipple cover with a color matching a skin color of the breast upon which the cover is placed.
- 22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising a step of wearing clothing in contact with an outer surface of the nipple cover without a brassiere.